

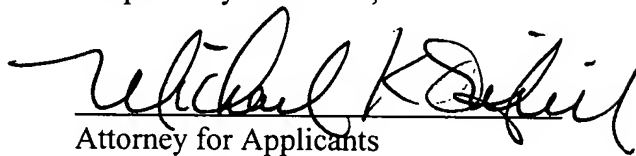
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, (Paper No. 9). Claims 1 to 30 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 29 and 30 are independent. Claims 31 to 37 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 4, indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of Claims 31 to 37. In response, Claims 31 to 37 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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